

Minutes of Sept 12,2006 NJ Noise Control Council Meeting

Present: Michael Lakat; John Surmey; Joseph Soporowski; Michael Klewin; Arnold Schmidt; Thomas Pitcherello; Iris Udasin; Joe Lepis; Norm Dotti; Eric Zwerling RNTAC; Jerome Feder NJ CAAN

The meeting opened at 9:45 Am. The status of the NJ Noise control Code was discussed and it was indicated that Chairman Lepis and Dr Soporowski added testimony to include the wording "when operated with a muffler" to Exemption 14 regarding Emergency Generators. The stakeholders meeting for ATV's will be evaluated based on other priority items and may not occur until spring of 2007. NJDEP will be queried as to whether towns are still requesting assistance in this matter. Undr NCC membership and officers, a search committee was appointed to included Dr. Soporowski, Mike lakat and John Kapferer to present a slate to th Oct Meeting, to be voted on at the Nov meeting. Being 10 years since the last NJ Model noise Code it was agreed to begin work on new issues to be contained in the Model Code, including Emergency Generator, Heat pumps, HVAC A/C and direct vent heaters; and clicking water meters newly installed in south Jersey. It also appears that 7:29.2 may need to be amended to fit the enforcement requirements of the new Railroad regulations adopted by reference.(were the enforcement rules likewise adopted?)Jerome Feder and John Surmay spoke to the status of the FAA airspace redesign, especially as relates to Elizabeth, which now includes their interaction with Tom Bock of Port Authority. Mike Klewin and Eric Zwerling spoke about Motor vehicle muffler enforcement and that the best current strategy is to remove and decouple the "smoke and Noise" rule in motor vehicle regs. We will discuss this at the Oct Meeting. Joe Lepis included that there be an inspection station component to muffler enforcement. Eric Zwerling stated that under "home rule" New Jersey towns should be allowed to design a "daytime level lower than 65" if it is substantiated to DEP. Joe Lepis agreed to write the meeting minutes until after the election at which time it is the responsibility of the Chair to appoint a Secretary. The meeting closed at 12:00 Noon.